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SUBJECT: MUTINY OF ARMORED BRIGADE IN JORDAN

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ELEMENTS OF THE ELITE 40TH ARMORED BRIGADE, WHICH WAS SENT TO SYRIA DURING THE OCTOBER WAR, MUTINIED AT 10 AM JORDAN TIME. THIS UNIT IS NOW STATIONED AT ZARQA, ABOUT 15 MILES FROM AMMAN. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND ARMED FORCES CHIEF MAJALI HAVE PERSUADED THE MUTINEERS TO RETURN TO THEIR BARRACKS, AND ARE MAKING THE ROUNDS OF OTHER ARMY UNITS TO TRY TO KEEP THE MUTINY FROM SPREADING. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IS NOW QUIET, THE MUTINEERS HAVE THREATENED TO MARCH ON AMMAN IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET.

THE MOVE IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST KING HUSAYN, WHO IS IN LONDON, BUT IT IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO REMEDY A NUMBER OF LONG-STANDING GRIEVANCES, PARTICULARLY AMONG

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THE LOWER RANKS OF THE ARMY. THE MUTINEERS--PRIMARILY DRIVERS AND PERHAPS SOME JUNIOR OFFICERS--ARE DEMANDING HIGHER PAY AND A DECREASE IN COMMODITY PRICES. IN ADDITION, THEY WANT THE DISMISSAL OF THE [REDACTED] CHIEF OF STAFF, SHARIF ZAYD BIN SHAKIR, AND THE RETURN OF THE KING'S UNCLE, SHARIF NASIR, AS COMMANDER OF THE ARMY.

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THE CROWN PRINCE IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO SHARIF NASIR [REDACTED]

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MOST CERTAINLY WILL PRESS HUSAYN TO MEET THEIR DEMANDS WHEN THE KING RETURNS. E-2, IMPDET-H

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